

FACILITIES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS

Grant Grove Area

SNOWPLAY AREAS

In the National Park: Grant Grove area: Big Stump & Columbine.

In the National Forest: Big Meadows, Quail Flat & Cherry Gap.

- **Be safe & considerate!** Every year there are very serious injuries during snowplay. Safety tips: Use devices that are steerable. Don't sled or ski into roads. Steer clear of trees, rocks, and other obstacles. See additional safety information on page 5.
- **Cross-country skis & snowshoes** are rented at the market. Other snowplay gear is also sold. See Food & Shop hours below.
- **Snowplay is prohibited** in residential areas, the Grant Tree Trail area, and other areas as signed. If you snowplay in Azalea Campground, you must pay the fee for a site.

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. In addition to picnicking (see page 3), the village offers:

INFORMATION

- **Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-4:30pm. New exhibits in English & Spanish; 15-minute movie (captioned). Books, maps, first aid. Local wilderness permits issued 9am-4pm. 1-559-565-4307.

PAY TELEPHONES

- **In Grant Grove Village:** Available 24 hours: Kings Canyon Visitor Center (booth by front door); outside gift shop, market, & post office.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily through 3/22, 9am-2pm & 5-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Starting 3/23, open at 8am; dinner unchanged.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily through 3/22, 9am-6pm (Friday & Saturday until 7pm). Starting 3/23, 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Souvenirs, film, clothing. ATM in lobby. Pay phone.
- **Market:** Same hours as Gift Shop. Supplies, bear canisters, emergency gasoline, cross-country ski & snowshoe rentals, snowplay equipment & toys.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** Details on page 10-11. Front desk 7am-10pm.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Closed for the season.
- **Post Office:** Hours may change without notice. Monday-Friday, 9am-3:30pm, Saturday 9-11:30am. Lobby & stamp machine 24 hours. Pay telephone. Visitor mail: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

Cedar Grove Area - closed

Highway 180 from Hume Lake road junction to the canyon reopens mid-April, weather permitting.

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE - CLOSED

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — "a rival to the Yosemite," according to John Muir. In summer the area offers camping, lodging, picnicking, and horseback riding.



NATURE PROGRAMS

PAY ENTRANCE FEE AT VISITOR CENTER IN GRANT GROVE VILLAGE.

Big Stump Entrance Station is closed. Why?

A very large, very hollow sequoia threatened to fall on the old Big Stump park entrance station on Highway 180 – and on visitors waiting to enter the park! This meant either cutting down the tree or moving the station. Since these parks exist to protect sequoias, the station had to find a new home.

For now, go to the Kings Canyon National Park Visitor Center at Grant Grove to pay your entrance fee. The park is studying alternative sites for an entrance station that will minimize environmental impacts and maximize ease of operations and traffic flow.

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). It was sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935. It is an excellent place to see recovery from intensive sequoia logging in the late 1800s. Snowy in winter, in summer it offers picnicking & horseback riding (see page 3) as well as:

PAY TELEPHONES

- **Between Wuksachi Village & Grant Grove:** Summer only at Stony Creek Resort & by Big Meadows trailhead across from guard station.
- **Between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove:** Hume Lake (year round); Kings Canyon Resort only when Hwy. 180 to the canyon is open.

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Weekdays 8am-4:30pm. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Boyden Cavern:** Closed. On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. 1-209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** Closed. In summer, offers a market, showers, gasoline & restaurant. 1-866-KCANYON or 1-559-565-3909.
- **Montecito-Sequoia Resort:** (FS): Open. A permitted resort on public land, open year-round. On Generals Highway, 9 miles / 14.5km south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 8-9:30am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 6-7:30pm (hospitality/sandwich bar until 10pm). Cabins, hotel, children's activities; cross-country skiing, groomed trails. 1-800-843-8677 or 559-565-3388.
- **Hume Lake:** Private facilities open to public; 8 miles (13 km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. Laundry (coin operated 24-hour) & gas station (24 hours with credit card). General Store: Sunday-Thursday 8am-5pm. Snack bar open Friday 3pm-11pm; Saturday 10am-11pm; Sunday 10am-2pm. Monday-Thursday varying hours; call ahead: 1-559-335-2000.

GASOLINE SALES

At Hume Lake year-round, 24 hours/day with credit card (or during General Store hours - see *Hume Lake* above). See *Rules of the Road*, page 5, for more information.

Park rangers usually offer free walks & talks on weekends & holidays in Grant Grove.

Check bulletin boards for schedules of activities.

Snowshoe walks start December 29 if snow is deep enough. We provide free snowshoes for this two-hour, 1-mile walk. Group size is limited so make reservations at any visitor center or call 559-565-4307. Snowshoeing may be strenuous & difficult for small children. If there is not enough snow for snowshoes, look for an alternate program.